

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/116,461, filed April 4, 2002, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/934,576, filed August 22, 2001, now U.S. Patent 6,610,198.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Housing 12 includes the noted cylindrical sidewall 26 closed at its top end by upper end cap 40 in threaded relation, and closed at its bottom end at housing base 42 in threaded relation. Sidewall 26 is clear or transparent, and hence annular space 24 is viewable through the housing such that an operator or service technician can see the level of liquid such as 44, Fig. 1, in annular space 24. When the liquid rises from level 44, as shown in dashed line in Fig. 2, to level 46, the operator or service technician can see such level and the change thereof as an indication of when to replace filter element 16. The higher the level of liquid in annular space 24 the greater the pressure drop across filter element 16 and hence the greater the plugging of filter element 16. Unfortunately, it has been found in numerous applications that such liquid level rise from 44 ~~42~~ to 46 does not correspond to expired filter life. Hence, the filter element is being changed prematurely, and has a longer life than otherwise indicated by the noted rising liquid level in annular space 24.